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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

25X1A9a SUBJECT: Interview with [REDACTED] Commercial Staff.

25X1A9a 1. On 31 May 1957 I interviewed [REDACTED] and advised
25X1A9a him that in the course of looking into matters in the Management Staff some al-
25X1A9a legations had been made concerning [REDACTED] drinking habits. Specifically,
25X1A9a I said that I had been told that on one occasion while he was intoxicated Mr.
[REDACTED] had become so belligerent toward him that he [REDACTED] had seen [REDACTED] to walk out on him.

25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED] said that this was true and proceeded to tell me that
25X1A9a when [REDACTED] came to the Management Staff he had talked with him about
the possibility of his promotion to grade GS-14. [REDACTED] answer was that
25X1A9a he could stay in the Management Staff as long as he liked at grade GS-13. Re-
25X1A9a luctant to do this [REDACTED] requested permission to look elsewhere and
[REDACTED] approved of his doing so.

25X1A9a 3. He related that at Christmastime in 1955 he and Messrs. [REDACTED]
25X1A [REDACTED] were having some drinks at a bar at which time
25X1A9a [REDACTED] became quite intoxicated and, in a very loud voice and over a pro-
longed period, accused him of having knifed him in the back. When he asked
25X1A9a [REDACTED] when, where, and how, etc., the latter stated "I know you did it
because when I pulled the knife out it had your name on it." He said that during
25X1A9a the same conversation [REDACTED] had also accused him of having been dis-
honest, that he had replied that he resented this very much, paid his part of the
check, and left. At this point in his story [REDACTED] stopped to say that
25X1A9a the incident had been a very humiliating and embarrassing one and had been ob-
vious to a very large number of people.

25X1A9a 4. He continued by saying that after his return from the Christmas hol-
idays he went to see [REDACTED] who was very pleasant and congratulated him
on his transfer to the Project Administrative Planning Staff where he said he
thought he would get his promotion. When he told [REDACTED] that he would
25X1A9a like to clear up the charges about his having knifed him in the back and having
25X1A9a been dishonest, etc., [REDACTED] replied by saying that it wouldn't do either
of them any good to pursue the matter further and asked that it be dropped.

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[REDACTED] confided to me that since he knew that [REDACTED] was about to make out his Fitness Report he saw nothing to be gained by continuing the discussion and let it drop as [REDACTED] had requested.

5. He concluded the interview by stating that [REDACTED] had often returned from lunch when it was quite obvious that he had had too much to drink and that, in fact, he had behaved like a kid. He added that he was in close touch with a lot of people in the Management Staff and that the whole place was about ready to explode.

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[REDACTED]
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